

adding closer to \$500 million to the project. It is my understanding that tolls on the Dulles Toll Road could reach \$10.25 in 2020, eight-and-a-half years from now. The initial toll projection issued by MWAA had tolls reaching \$11.25 by 2047. As the cost of Phase 2 goes up, so will the tolls.

A recent Washington Post editorial indicated that commuters could be forced to pay as much as \$4,000 a year to use the toll road by 2020. Add in the tolls on the Dulles Greenway and my constituents' transportation costs could be higher than their monthly car payments. It will be the parents taking their children to school and soccer practice, the business owner that uses the DTR on a daily basis to make deliveries, the realtor who will see home sales decrease due to the higher transportation costs and the commuters to Tysons Corner who will shoulder the heavy burden of the MWAA board's recent decisions.

I want both MWAA and Dulles Rail to be successful. Because of that, Representative TOM LATHAM, chairman of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, and I have asked the U.S. Department of Transportation Inspector General, IG, to conduct an audit of the operations of the MWAA board. I am pleased that the IG's office will begin this audit in the near future. Outside of the actual composition of the board, it is my hope that the audit will examine the governance structure of MWAA and determine if it operates with the transparency necessary for an organization tasked with such important responsibilities.

In the meantime, I urge support for my legislation to update the board's composition and appointment structure to reflect today's realities.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GEORGE FRANCIS SCARBOROUGH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, George Francis Scarborough, 77, of Pensacola, FL passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 4, 2011 surrounded by his family.

George Francis Scarborough was born on Good Friday, March 30, 1934 in Lexington, KY. The son of George Buskie and Ada Wheat Buskie, George spent his early years in Miami, FL and San Diego, CA. He moved to Milton, FL in 1946 when his family was transferred to Whiting Field.

George graduated from Milton High School and remained close to many of his classmates, hosting Milton High reunion events over the past 20 years. After graduating from Milton, he returned to Lexington where he attended the University of Kentucky from 1952–1956. There he fell in love with Kentucky basketball and his future wife, Mary Joanna Clark. George and Mary Jo were married on August 14, 1955 at Second Avenue Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia. George graduated from the University of Kentucky the next year with a B.S. degree in Business.

George Scarborough served in the U.S. Army from 1955–1957, and was stationed at Ft. Benning, GA and Ft. Polk, LA. Carolyn Elizabeth Scarborough was born to George

and Mary Jo in 1957 while they were stationed at Ft. Benning. They went on to have two more children, George Clark Scarborough was born in Rome, GA in 1960 and Charles Joseph Scarborough was born in Atlanta, GA in 1963.

While in Atlanta, George worked as a manufacturing engineer for Lockheed. He was proud to work on the C–5A, the C–130, and the L–1011 projects. He often said his work at Lockheed was the favorite of all his jobs. George was transferred to Lockheed's Meridian, MS plant in 1969 after the L–1011 assembly line was moved to Meridian. In 1973, he began work at National Homes as a purchasing agent and was soon transferred to Elmira, NY. During his time in Upstate New York, he took a job at American LaFrance as an Industrial Engineer.

In 1978, George and his family had the opportunity to move to Pensacola, FL where he began working with Mary Jo, who at that time was a director for the Miss National Teenage pageant. In 1983, the Scarboroughs and Carolyn Hawkins founded the Miss American Coed Pageant. George was named the national director. George Scarborough took great pride in the fact that the organization consistently promoted patriotism, community service and a strong academic record. Through extraordinary focus and hard work, George and Mary Jo Scarborough's pageant organization became the largest in the United States within a few years. He enjoyed meeting families across America throughout the year and going to the national pageant each summer in Hawaii.

Faith has always played a great role in George's life. In 1978, he and his family joined First Baptist Church in Pensacola where George was a deacon, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. His greatest joy came from his volunteer work at Samaritan Hands.

George was the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren, Ian, Ginger and Julie Ward, Emily and Benjamin Scarborough, and Joey, Andrew, Kate and Jack Scarborough. His love of baseball and other sports kept him engaged as a coach throughout his adult life and in his final years he enjoyed keeping score at his grandsons' baseball games. He was also an avid fan of the Atlanta Braves and Kentucky Wildcats and for many years attended the Breeder's Cup.

Survivors include wife, Mary Jo Scarborough, Pensacola, FL; daughter, Carol Ward (John) and their children, Julie and Ginger Ward of Jacksonville, FL and Ian Ward of Orlando, FL; son, George Scarborough (Sara) of Gulf Breeze, FL and their children Emily and Benjamin Scarborough of Gulf Breeze, FL; son, Joe Scarborough (Susan) of New York, NY and their children Joey Scarborough of New York, NY and Andrew Scarborough of Pensacola, FL and Kate and Jack Scarborough of New York, NY; he is also survived by his brothers, Chuck Scarborough of California, Scott Scarborough of Nevada and sister, Margaret Scarborough of Oregon.

Visitation will be held from 3:00–5:00 pm Sunday, May 8, 2011 at First Baptist Church with Funeral services beginning at 5:00 pm with Dr. Barry Howard officiating. Private Family Entombment will follow at Bayview Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Sacred Heart Hospital, Dr. John Bray, Pippa Nicholson-Kuenn, Don Gaetz and TLC Caregivers, Lou Donaldson, Jan

Bowersox, Alan Waren, Aunt Caroline, Stephanie Smart, and all the family and friends who showed an outpouring of love and support over the last year and a half. We could not have survived without you. The family also asks that donations be made to Samaritan Hands in lieu of flowers.

Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

IN TRIBUTE OF DENNIS POPP

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dennis Popp, who is stepping down after 12 years of distinguished service as Mayor of the city of Groton, Connecticut.

Dennis began his career at the submarine maker Electric Boat, where he worked as a pipe welder for 3 years before being promoted to supervisor for another 20 years. Dennis capped his career at EB by serving as a draftsman for his final 3 years.

Dennis took his breadth of experience at building and supervising the production of some of the world's most advanced machines and translated his skill set to the world of politics and governance. Just as I fell short in my first effort in running for Congress, Dennis also just missed in his first effort to win the Mayor's office in Groton. But with determination honed like the steel of Electric Boat, Dennis went back at it again and won the election for Mayor of the city of Groton in 1999.

Immediately upon taking the reins of city government, Mayor Popp worked to repair city relations with neighboring towns, which had frayed in recent years. Elevating the city's leadership in regional issues, Dennis held positions of Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Southeastern Council of Governments throughout his tenure.

Mayor Popp will be remembered most of all by his constituents for his tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for the city he loves. Dennis kept taxes level for 12 years and decreased the mill rate while improving city services. Mayor Popp led Groton Utilities' expansion into telecommunications, television, and internet service while strengthening the local community with responsive, neighborhood customer service.

Dennis went on to win reelection five times, running unopposed on several occasions as a testament to his support from residents across the city and from both political parties. His record of leadership for his city will be remembered years after he leaves office and includes expanding regional water sales and revenue for the city; resuscitating the summer recreation program at West Side; leading an expansion of the Pequot Health Center; improving public safety through increased firefighter positions; acquiring additional watershed land to protect the water supply; installing barriers on 1–95 over the reservoir to protect water quality; and supporting the installation of three flagpoles at Fort Griswold Battlefield Park.

Dennis has advocated tirelessly for the needs of Groton, and I have valued his counsel as I prioritized the city's requests in my work in Congress. I have been proud to collaborate with Mayor Popp in delivering Federal

support for fire department equipment, Justice Department support for police hiring and crime prevention, and new, critical investments to strengthen the position of the subbase for the future.

Even outside of his elected office, Dennis has served as a pillar in the Groton community. Dennis will continue to be active with the local Eagle Scout program, at the Bill Library, in helping U.S. Subvets Groton Base, and in his local church.

Groton will not be the same after Mayor Popp's exit, but the city can look fondly back on the leadership of its favorite "Popp Daddy." I know that his wife Karen will welcome this retirement as an opportunity to spend more time together and open up a new chapter in their lives. I also know that our friendship will endure even after Dennis leaves office. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting a true man of Groton and for Groton—Dennis Popp.

URGING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UNFCCC

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the leaders of the United Nation's Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNFCCC, to allow for Taiwan's meaningful participation.

As climate change continues to impact our world and as we face the prospect of dwindling oil reserves, Taiwan's renewable-energy section is growing rapidly. Taiwan has invested heavily in turbines generating electricity, use of alternatives to fossil fuels and possibilities of harnessing energy from the ocean. Taiwan is also the fourth largest producer of solar cells in the world.

Moreover, Taiwan's Environmental Protection Administration, EPA, is doing everything possible to promote environmental sustainability. For instance, Taiwan has made significant strides in waste management, with the nation's overall recycling rate reaching almost 42 percent in 2008.

Improving air quality, reducing noise pollution and vehicular emissions and protecting wildlife are also top priorities for the government and people of Taiwan. Taiwan is totally committed to protecting the environment and reducing pollution. But due to political factors, Taiwan is not a UNFCCC contracting party. Instead, they are considered a non-governmental organization observer under the name Industrial Technology Research Institute and are not permitted to participate in either the discussions over the post-Kyoto mechanism or the international carbon market.

I hope that the UNFCCC leaders will see the wisdom of Taiwan's need to participate in the UNFCCC and the post-Kyoto mechanism, especially considering that Taiwan and its environment are vulnerable to climate change and need to avoid the negative impacts on its economy and trade. Taiwan is an important part of the world economy and should be able to provide direct input to the UNFCCC, and I would ask the UNFCCC leaders to allow meaningful participation from Taiwan.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 6TH RANGER TRAINING BATTALION'S RANGER CAMP AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the 6th Ranger Training Battalion located on Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

On November 15, 1951, the U.S. Army Amphibious/Jungle Training Committee was established to conduct the final phase of the U.S. Army Ranger School. Now known as the Florida Ranger Camp, the 6th Ranger Training Battalion emphasizes platoon training in a humid coastal and swamp environment. This final phase of the Army Ranger School places students under severe mental and physical stress in an attempt to replicate the rigors of combat.

The first Ranger class arrived at Eglin Air Force Base on January 24, 1952. This first class learned survival techniques for amphibious environments and leadership in combat situations. Today, students in the Army Ranger School experience training very similar to that received by the first Ranger class. The initial six days are focused on technique training, which is then followed by a ten-day field training exercise. Leadership skills are tested vigorously through small unit operations in a simulated combat environment. Students in the Florida Ranger Camp learn to overcome severe weather, difficult littoral and swamp terrain, and sleep and food deprivation while combating mental and physical exhaustion. Through their rigorous training, students at the Florida Ranger Camp learn the techniques necessary to undertake demanding and difficult assignments in protection of our nation. These techniques are then put to the test in a simulated combat environment to create adaptive and effective combat leaders for our Armed Forces.

During its time on Eglin Air Force Base, the Florida Ranger Camp has trained over 100,000 students of the United States Armed Forces and over 60 allied countries worldwide. The 6th Ranger Battalion trains over 2,500 students annually, conducting its 18 day program 11 times per year. The 6th Ranger Training Battalion has 225 officer and enlisted personnel complemented by 30 civilian support personnel who work together to run the Florida Ranger Camp.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to thank the men and women who make up the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, as well as the Army Rangers they train, for their professionalism and commitment. Their indefatigable service and dedication to our nation protects our inalienable liberties and freedoms, allowing the United States of America to prosper as the world's greatest nation. My wife Vicki and I congratulate the 6th Ranger Battalion, and each of the more than 100,000 graduates of the Florida Ranger Camp, for 60 exceptionally successful years of service to our country.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ERWIN JONAS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work Erwin D. Jonas has done on Long Island on the occasion of his retirement from Northrop Grumman after 42 years of service.

Erwin has been employed by Northrop Grumman since 1969 in multiple radar engineering capacities, from Development Engineering to Manager of Engineering and Programs. The major focus of Mr. Jonas' work at Northrop Grumman has been the development of shipboard radar programs and automatic detection and tracking systems.

Erwin has been the manager of the Northrop Grumman Ship Self Defense Systems Department since January 1992 and is responsible for all engineering and research operations associated with naval radar and automatic tracking systems.

The contributions Erwin has made to naval research as well as to the research industry on Long Island are significant. I wish him all the best in this next stage of life and, again, thank him for the work he has done.

IN HONOR OF MR. FRANK L.
KOWALSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Frank L. Kowalski, Jr., a gentleman whose dedication to the Polish-American community of Cleveland has led the Cleveland Society of Poles Foundation to name him the 2011 recipient of the "Good Joe" Award.

Mr. Kowalski was born and raised in the Tremont area of Cleveland. After graduating from Lincoln High School, he joined the Navy Reserve. He was soon called into active duty and served on the USS *Navarro* as a machinist's mate during the Korean War. Upon his discharge in 1954, Mr. Kowalski joined the Polish Legion of American Veterans and he remains an active member of the organization to this day.

Mr. Kowalski attended Fenn College (now Cleveland State University) under the GI Bill and graduated in 1965. He worked at the Thompson Products Plant until 1972, when he pursued a second career in property management and maintenance.

Many organizations within the Polish-American community in Cleveland have benefitted from Mr. Kowalski's leadership. He has served as Post Commander, Financial Director, and National Financial Director for the Polish Legion of American Veterans; Director, Treasurer, and Vice President of the Polonia Foundation of Ohio; Financial Secretary of the Cleveland Society; Financial Director of the Polish National Alliance Group #171; and Treasurer of the Tremont Residence Service Corporation. He has been named a Knight of Pulaski by the Polonia Foundation of Ohio and